IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of

VOGEL et al.

Appln. No. 09/645,554

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Title: FURNACE CARBON BLACK, PROCESS FOR

PRODUCTION AND USE THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, line 4, after "black" insert --oil--.

REMARKS

The above amendment to the specification is supported by the specification, page 1, line 33, that describes the situation where the carbon black oil is divided between two different injection points which offset relative to each other along the axis of the reactor. The first, upstream injection point is described on page 2, line 1, and the further carbon black oil injection sites are described in the following sentence

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to which the correction has been made. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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